

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
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DISPARITIES IN INCOME
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government collects data of families on the basis of their income;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether disparities have changed over past two decades;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government would make arrangements to collect such data since they are essential to ensure more social justice to downtrodden and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION,
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS
INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) to (e): Government does not collect data of families on the basis of their income. However, National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) collects data on the Household Consumer Expenditure through quinquennial Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES) for generating estimates of average household Monthly Per Capita Consumer Expenditure (MPCE). Based on quinquennial surveys on Household Consumer Expenditure conducted by NSSO during 1993-94, 2004-05 and 2011-12, estimates of disparities in average household Monthly Per Capita Consumer Expenditure (MPCE) for the population in lowest and highest decile classes are as under:

(in Rs.)

decile class (1993-94)		NSS 50th round (2004-05)		NSS 61st round (2011-12)		NSS 68th round	
rural	urban	rural	urban	rural	urban		
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
lowest decile class		116	154	227	324	505	707
highest decile class		690	1291	1478	3176	3409	7636